

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 5th September 2022

Dates for your diaries

Over the next two weeks we will be sending you some information about the learning your child will be doing this term and some useful information to help the year run smoothly.

Half term 24th -28th Oct

INSET DAY-31st October

Back to school Tuesday 1st Nov

Last day of term Tuesday 20th Dec 1.30

OCCASIONAL DAY no sch Weds 21st Dec

Christmas holidays 21st Dec –4th Jan 2023

Back to school Thurs 5th Jan 2023

Half term 13-17th Feb

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school 18th April 2023

Bank holiday no school Mon 1st May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Transition day 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th July

Please remember attendance is mandatory and parents should plan their holidays around the above school holiday breaks. Holidays and Days out will not be authorised. Please note that even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in improving attendance.

'Aim high, let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

Our School Value; **TRUST**



John 14.1: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.

1 Corinthians 13. 6-7: Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'

Welcome Back

Hope you have all had a well-deserved Summer break and are ready for an exciting Autumn term

This half term we will be focusing on the school value of 'Trust'. This week we will be looking at 'What makes somebody trustworthy?'

Reading books

Thank you for all your amazing contributions for our extreme reading challenge.

We will be looking at assessment data and hearing children read to ensure pupils are reading appropriately pitched books. All pupils will be issued with new books this week with a plastic wallet to keep them in. It is crucial that children read at home to an adult five times a week and record this ideally on the GoRead App or if you find this difficult we have paper books to overcome this barrier. Home reading is continuously monitored and is one of the biggest factors to accelerate progress. We teach the skills to read at school but being able to go home and practice these skills helps to consolidate and reinforce what has been taught.

Some reminders...

- No nuts in lunchboxes (We do have children in our school with serious nut allergies)
- No dogs on school grounds
- Please remind children to walk their scooters and bikes across the car park when entering or leaving school for the safety of all. Please remember all bikes and scooters are left at the owner's risk.

School Dinners

Yr1-6 must select their meal choices on the **School Gateway App**. Years 3,4,5,6 must ensure they are in credit to enable selection. If your child is poorly and absent from school you must cancel the order as the meal will be made and payment will be taken.

Break times- Snack

Children in Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 have access to a free piece of fruit at morning break. However, all pupils across the school are allowed to bring in a healthy cereal bar or fruit. Please do not send in crisps or chocolate covered bars as we promote a healthy snack.

Communication

Thank you to everyone for keeping our teachers 'in the loop'. Dojo is checked just before children enter school for any messages from parents and again at the end of the school day. So, if you have a message about collection of a pupil, please inform staff in this way. We do not use Dojo when school is closed, messages that are sent later in the evening are picked up the following morning. Dojo is often used by staff to share the achievements of the children on there.

If you are reporting absence please e-mail admin before 9am
admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk if we have not heard from you we make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern.